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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR § 1.136(a)**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the time for response to the Restriction Requirement dated January 8, 2001, be extended for a period of 3 month(s) from February 8, 2001 to and including May 8, 2001.

The fee for this extension is estimated to be \$890.00. Please charge the required fee to Pennie & Edmonds LLP Deposit Account No. 16-1150 (8907-087-999). A copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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